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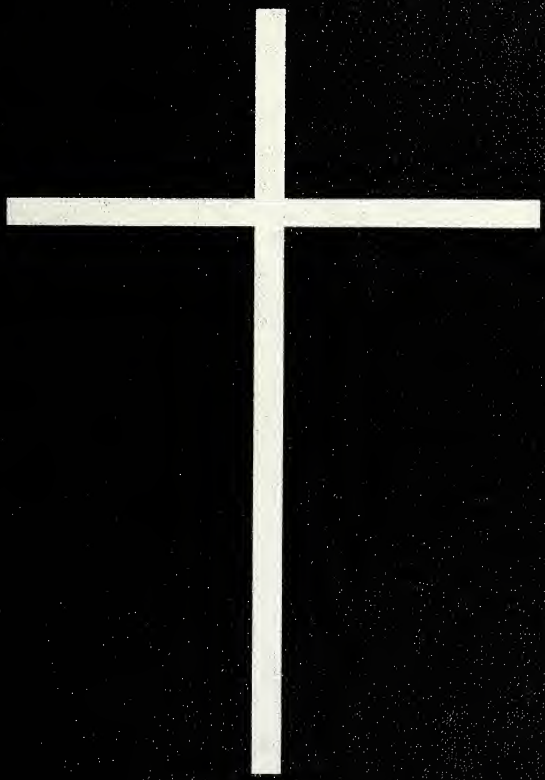


"A Century of Christian Witnessing" 1867-1967

Foreword

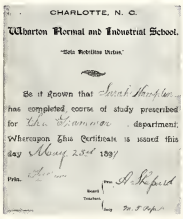
We, the members of the Centennial Committee, have brought together as many of the memories, the ideals, the aspirations of the church as we could gather. It is our hope that you will relive yesterday, experience today -- then help us build tomorrow. We acknowledge with deep appreciation the work and time given by all of the committees involved.

HISTORICAL FACTS
of
First Baptist Church
of
Charlotte, North Carolina

First Baptist Church of Charlotte, North Carolina, with God as its pilot has an illustrious chronicle as the first Negro Baptist Church of Charlotte. The N. C. Baptist State Convention of 1850 made it mandatory for slaves to be provided places for worship and religious instruction. At one time the membership was nine hundred as quoted in the Charlotte News Textile Industrial Edition. From this beginning there was an outgrowth of other churches.

Of the four hundred thousand Negro Baptists in America at the end of the Civil War, sixty-six (some documents state fifty-five) brave Christians, who were formerly associated with First Baptist Church now located on North Tryon Street, were granted letters to form their own church in June 1867. Alfred Jones, Deacon of the colored members was instrumental in recommending the first members. Rev. E. H. Griffith and Rev. Hinton helped with the organization. The places of worship were "Yankee" Hospital near the site of the present YMCA Building on Morehead Street and South Boulevard and the present location which was purchased in 1870.

The Sunday School Annex is the site of the first church, a frame structure. In 1901 the new edifice was begun. Much of the labor was done by the members after their daily work. Lanterns were held by the women of the church while the men did the manual part of the great project started under Dr. C. C. Somerville and completed under Dr. P. S. Lewis. Often the women brought food for those who did not have the opportunity of eating before coming to work. Some of the known deceased helpers were Brother Dave and Sister Mary Jane Hampton, the parents of Mrs. Sarah Diamond; Sister Mary Mayo; Sister Celia Emmons, the mother of Mrs. Minnie Jackson; Sister Nellie Gray, the mother of Mrs. Gillie Lane; Brother Grant and Sister Sally Wallace, the parents of Mrs. Eva Wallace Miller; Brother Noah and Sister Mary French; Sisters Priscilla and Harriette Diamond; Brother Grief and Sister Lucy Friday; Brother John and Sister Mary Lucky; and Sister Lillian Cruse Graves. The formal dedication of our present church was held the week of September 17-23, 1911.


CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Wharton Normal and Industrial School.

"Sola Nobilitas Virtus."

Be it Known that Sarah Hampton has completed course of study prescribed for the Grammar department; Whereupon This Certificate is issued this day May 23rd 1897

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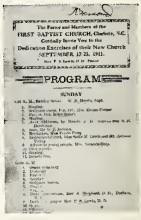
Secy. M. J. Hampton


The Pastor and Members of the FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Charlotte, N.C. Cordially Invite You to the Dedication Exercises of their New Church SEPTEMBER 17-23, 1911.

PROGRAM

SUNDAY

Myrtle Settlemire was the first child to be baptized in the new church. At the fifty-fifth anniversary, in 1951, Sisters Mary Mayo and Mary J. Hampton were the only ones of the first group living.

Leadership has been efficient and dynamic. Until Rev. E. E. Eagles of Wilmington, North Carolina, was elected as the first pastor, the church was served by supply pastors -- Rev. Bill Bowser, Rev. Bert Taylor, and Rev. Horton. Eleven other ministers have served well this church, state, and country -- Rev. A. A. Powell, Rev. Augustus E. Shepard (1897-1898), Dr. C. C. Somerville (1899-1906), Dr. P. S. Lewis (1906-1920), Rev. H. H. Mitchell (1920-1922), Dr. J. H. Moore (1923-1925), Rev. H. M. Smith (1925-1927), Rev. Walter A. Tutt (1927-1929), Rev. L. C. Huff (1930-1932), Dr. J. H. Moore (second pastorate (1933-1946), Dr. J. B. Humphrey (1947-).

In addition to the outstanding leadership the church as had in its ministers, the church has also always been blessed with deacons who supported the ministers and gave lay leadership for the congregation. During the depression years, some of these deacons went the "extra mile" to personally endorse loans and to make personal loans to the church in order to save the property of the church.

Although the records of the church do not give the year that the deacons were ordained or when they came here as deacons from other churches, a list has been compiled of past deacons who have served this church faithfully. The past deacons are: Walter Alexander, William Anderson, Homer Bonner, J. S. Bratton, William Bratton (California), Daniel Brown, Lewis T. Christmas (clerk), H. C. Cogwell, H. C. Dockery, James Emmons, Thomas Foster, Lawson Fox, Griefus Friday, Noah P. French, Stephen Gray, Dave Hampton, Alfred Hayes, Robert Harris, William Hawkins, W. H. Holman, Joe Howey, Sr., J. Ellis Hunter, Ezekiel Irvin, George W. James, J. H. Johnson, Alfred Jones, J. C. Knight, Thomas Knight, Zachariah Lacy, James Lemly, W. C. Lucky, William Mills, W. B. "Billy" Morris, G. W. McClelland, J. H. Perrin, Edgar J. Phillips (clerk), Shelton Prator, Boyd Robinson, Milas Smart, James Strong, Henry Torrence, Ephriam Twitty, and John Watkins.

Many organizations and events motivated the spiritual growth of this church. Mr. Grief Friday was the first Sunday School superintendent. The Sunday School with Mr. W. B. "Billy" Morris was known in the community and state. Long have the Sunday School classes (Mrs. Hester French's Cradle Roll and Mrs. Minnie Jackson's class of boys named Philematheons), teachers, excursions and picnics have been remembered and cherished. Ten others have served with distinction -- Mr. George Gaffney, Mr. E. J. Young, Dr. Henry Graves, Mrs. Mamie Phipher Paisley, Mr. J. C. Knight, Mr. James Wertz, Mr. J. Ellis Hunter, Mr. P. A. Connor, and Mr. Harry Mills. The Ladies Aid was organized June 19, 1907, and for many years contributed to the church. Mrs. Ellen Henderson was the first president. Other initial officers were Mrs. Lillie McArthur, vice-president; Mrs. Sarah Diamond, secretary; Mrs. Nannie Woodruff, assistant secretary; Mrs. Daisy McClelland, treasurer. Charter members were Mrs. Emma Alexander, Mrs. Mary Lizzie Jones, Mrs. Bessie Twitty, Mrs. Clara Cathey, Mrs. Bertha Beatty, Mrs. Katie Crone, Mrs. Isabella Green, Mrs. Lillie Justice, Mrs. Mary Cook, Mrs. Sally Cantey, Mrs. Clara Wertz, Mrs. Effie Holman, Mrs. Mary Lucky, Mrs. Lula Pope, and Mrs. Tessie Settlemyre. This organization has had as presidents after its birth Mrs. Lillie McArthur, Mrs. Daisy McClellan, Mrs. Clara Wertz, Mrs. Emma Alexander, Mrs. Minnie Jackson and Mrs. Hattie Robinson Bratton. Mrs. C. C. Somerville was the first president of the First Baptist Missionary Circle. Some other presidents were Mrs. Naomi Phifer, Miss Fannie Jordan, Mrs. Eliza Moore (wife of Dr. J. H. Moore), Mrs. Gillie Lane, Miss Captola Wilson, Mrs. Mary E. Humphrey (wife of Dr. J. B. Humphrey), Mrs. Servilla Simmons, and at present, Mrs. Quessie Brown. All were influential in the growth of missions at First Baptist. The Baptist Young Peoples Training Union, now the Baptist Training Union, gave special spiritual guidance to youth. The Ushers Board was reorganized in 1926 under the ministry of Rev. Walter A. Tutt, with the following members: Mrs. Lillie Justice (president), Miss Bertha Nance, Miss Lillie May Joyner, Miss Fannie Williams, Mrs. Minnie Cochran, Mrs. Quessie D. Brown, Mr. Homer Bonner, Mr. E. J. Hunter, Mr. Boyd Robinson, and Mr. Beacher Perry. The Pastors Aid, The Friendly Circle, The Willing Workers, and The Good Will Club share in the progress of the church. The Sunshine Band was organized by Mrs. Lillie Justice. The Captola Wilson Bible Class was begun by Miss Captola Wilson.

Music has been a source of inspiration. Many services have been rendered as pianists, organists (Mrs. Millie Johnson, Mrs. Alberta Knight, Mrs. Thelma Graves Campbell, Mrs. Mildred Knight Jones, Mr. Kenneth Diamond, Mr. William Lane, Mr. Samuel A. Moore, Miss Delores Dwiggins, Mrs. Mary Stanback, and Miss Anita Thornton), Choristers, and choir members. Clerks and many secretaries have helped communicate and record -- Mr. E. J. Phillips, Mr. L. T. Christmas, Mr. John H. Moore, Mr. Kenneth Diamond, Mr. P. A. Connor, Mr. Russell Lewis, Dr. Wilkins Davis, Mr. Junius Diamond, and Mrs. Mildred Graves Fite.

Many of the schools after 1865, were connected with the church. First Baptist contributed to the community with Wharton Normal Institute.

Rowan Normal and Industrial School was due to Dr. C. C. Somerville when he was pastor of First Baptist Church and Moderator of the Rowan Baptist Association. This school was later moved to Salisbury and the name changed to the Piedmont Institute. Many Charlotteans received their formal education at one of these church schools.

From a meager beginning the present membership is 600. Dr. J. B. Humphrey initiated the Board of Christian Education, The Group System, and the Building Fund which has successfully purchased two and a half acres for a future church site.

Dedication

The members of First Baptist Church proudly dedicate this book to those individuals who have given so unselfishly of their time and talent that this church might grow abundantly and significantly be labeled, "A Christian Church in an era of transition".

The Senior Members of First Baptist Church

LEFT TO RIGHT: Seated: Mrs. Isabell Green, Mrs. Caroline Marshall, Mrs. Rebecca Hemphill, Mrs. Lula Young, Mrs. Lizzie Gibbs. Standing: Mrs. Mary French, Mrs. Sarah Diamond, Mr. Porter Conner, Mrs. Minnie Conner, Mrs. Hattie Lowman, and Mrs. Minnie Cochran.

Past Ministers

Rev. E. E. Eagles 1869-1881

Rev. A. A. Powell 1882-1896

Rev. A. E. Shepard 1897-1898

Dr. C. C. Somerville 1899-1906

Dr. P. S. Lewis 1906-1920

Rev. H. H. Mitchell 1920-1922

Dr. J. H. Moore 1923-1925 1933-1946

Rev. H. M. Smith 1925-1927

Rev. W. A. Tutt 1927-1929

Rev. L. C. Huff 1930-1932

In Memoriam of

Miss Ida Mae Belton

In Memoriam of

Mrs. Dollie Belton

In Memoriam of

Mr. Edgar J. Phillips
CHURCH CLERK 1903-1948

In Memoriam of

MRS. ELIZA C. MOORE

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Moore for their
long sacrificial and devoted service
to First Baptist Church.
By the two Moore Boys, John H. and
Samuel A. and Sister Cora Saraya

In Memoriam of

DR. J H. MOORE

In Memory

JAMES ELLIS HUNTER

A member of First Baptist Church for more than one-half century. He served in the church in many capacities, among those being, Superintendent of Sunday School, Sunday School Teacher, Deacon Board and member of the Usher Board.

A dedicated christian from his youth, he was loyal in the financing and building of the present First Baptist Church.

"The Christian Church In An Era of Transition"

PROGRAM

of the
ONE-HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY
of
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
1020 South Church Street
J. B. Humphrey, Minister
Special Observance - November 1-December 10, 1967

THEME: "THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN AN ERA OF TRANSITION"

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 1967
11:00 A.M. Men's Day
Guest Speaker: Rev. Darius L. Swann, Johnson C. Smith University
Music: Men's Choir

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1967
11:00 A.M. Woman's Day
Guest Speaker: Dr. Rose Butler Browne
Music: Women's Choir

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1967
11:00 A.M. Homecoming and Communion Service
Sermon: Pastor
Music: Senior Choir
6:00 P.M. Symposium - Community Leaders
Music: Second Ward High School Chorus

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1967
11:00 A.M. Community Sunday
Sermon: Guest Speaker, Dr. E. B Turner, First Baptist Church, Lumberton, N. C.
Music: The Senior Choir
7:00 P.M. Musicale by Combined Church Choirs of First Baptist and St. John's

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1967
11:00 A.M. Youth Sunday
Sermon: Rev. James Z. Alexander
University Minister, Shaw University
Raleigh, North Carolina
Music: Combined Youth Choirs
6:00 P.M. Pageant: "A Century of Christian Witnessing"

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1967
7:30 P.M. Thanksgiving Service

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1967
11:00 A.M. Memorial Sunday
Sermon: Pastor
Music: Combined Senior Choirs
Special Tribute to Deceased Members
6:00 P.M. Family Life Program and Fellowship Hour

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1967
11:00 A.M. Holy Communion
Sermon: Pastor
Music: Senior Choir
6:00 P.M. Sermon: Rev. W. A. Wilkins, St. Michael Episcopal Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1967
7:30 P.M. Presbyterian Night
Sermon: Rev. Thomas A. Jenkins, Minister, Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1967
7:30 P.M. Methodist Night
Sermon: Rev. George A. Leake, Minister, Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1967
7:30 P.M. Baptist Night
Sermon: Rev. Coleman W. Kerry, Minister, Friendship Baptist Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1967
11:00 A.M. Joint Service -- First Baptist Church, N. Tryon Street
First Baptist Church, S. Church Street

THE CENTENNIAL PROGRAM

November 5, 1967

Morning

The Centennial Communion Service

Sermon . . . . . Rev. J. B. Humphrey, Minister
Music . . . . . The Senior Choir

Evening

Symposium -- Community Leaders
Music . . . . . The Second Ward High School Chorus

November 12, 1967

Community Sunday

Morning

Sermon . . . . . Dr. E. B. Turner, First Baptist Church, Lumberton, N. C.
Music . . . . . The Senior Choir

Evening

Musicale by combined Church Choirs of First Baptist and St. John's

November 19, 1967

Youth Sunday

Morning

Sermon . . . . . Rev. James Z. Alexander
University Minister
Shaw University
Raleigh, North Carolina
Music . . . . . Combined Youth Choirs

Evening

Pageant . . . . . "A Century of Christian Witnessing"

November 26, 1967

Thanksgiving Sunday

Morning

Sermon . . . . . Rev. J. B. Humphrey
Music . . . . . The Senior Choir

Evening

Family Life Program and Fellowship Hour

December 3, 1967

Memorial Sunday

Sermon . . . . . Rev. J. B. Humphrey
Music . . . . . The Senior Choir
Special Communion Service
Special Tribute to deceased members

Evening

Monday, December 4, 1967 — Presbyterian Night
Sermon by Rev. Thomas A. Jenkins, Minister, Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Church
Tuesday, December 5, 1967 — Methodist Night
Sermon by Rev. George A. Leake, Minister, Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church
Wednesday, December 6, 1967 — Baptist Night
Sermon by Rev. Coleman W. Kerry, Minister, Friendship Baptist Church

December 10, 1967

Centennial Sunday

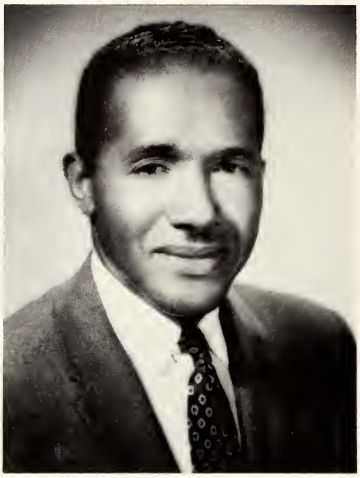
Morning

Sermon . . . . . Dr. Benjamin T. Payton, President of Benedict College, Columbia, S. C.
Music . . . . . The Senior Choir

Evening

Joint Service with First Baptist Church

Minister



A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings:

"A Church, like an individual, is fortunate to have been well born. Like an individual, a church is fortunate to have been well nourished in its early years. In all its vicissitudes through prosperity and hardships a church is fortunate to have had a sound pattern of development." This statement can well be applied to our church. Thus at the end of 100 years of existence, we take time out to reflect upon the past work of our church, take stock of our present position, and to envision the future hopes, dreams and program. We do this with a deep sense of gratitude to those in the past who organized, nourished, and set forth a sound pattern of development and growth as well as those officers, leaders, members and friends who are now serving and supporting our church at the turn of the century.

As your present pastor, I am happy to have been a part with you in the closing years of our Church's 1st century of Witnessing for Christ, in the local community, state, nation, and the world.

Now that we have reached the 100th milestone in our church's history, the challenges of the second century must be faced up to. We must accept the challenge of the unfinished task of the church and the challenge of the changing time. To this end, I call upon the membership of our church to rededicate itself to the task of the church in the years to come.

We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the official boards, committees and members who have worked very hard to make our Centennial celebration a success.

Minister's Family

Mrs. M. E. Humphrey

Mary Louise Humphrey

James Bradford Humphrey, III

First Baptist Church Board of Deacons

Left to Right: FRONT ROW: Mr. Cedric H. Jones, Chairman; Mr. Walter B. Taylor, Sr. Vice Chairman; Mr. Tom W. Paschal, Sr., Mr. Porter A. Connor, Mr. Eddie Boyd. SECOND ROW: Mr. Lloyd Mitchell, Mr. John C. Kibler, Secretary; Mr. Charles E. Crump, Mr. Percell R. Bowser, Mr. Bennie Mahoney, Mr. Samuel J. Blake. THIRD ROW: Mr. James K. Brown, Mr. Robert E. Wood, Mr. Gary Ballard, Mr. Furman Bridges, Mr. Raymond P. Rorie, Mr. Ernest Simmons, and Mr. James P. Morehead. NOT PICTURED: Mr. Thomas J. Anderson.

Deaconess of First Baptist Church

Left to Right: FIRST ROW: Mrs. Virginia Laster, Mrs. Estelle Morehead, Mrs. Quessie Brown, Vice Pres.; Mrs. Erlene Paschall, Treasurer. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Clara Jones, Mrs. Helen Kibler, Mrs. Estelle Blake, Mrs. Sylvester Hunter, Mrs. Survilla Simmons. THIRD ROW: Mrs. Ethel Mahoney, Mrs. Virginia Wood, secretary; Mrs. Sarah Ballard, Mrs. Oreatha Bridges, Mrs. Bernice Rorie, Mrs. Ada Taylor, President. NOT PICTURED: Mrs. Christine Bowser, Mrs. Shirley Crump, Mrs. Lillie Brown, Mrs. Mazie Anderson, Mrs. Minnie Conner, and Mrs. Ruby Mitchell.

Board of Directors

Left to Right: FIRST ROW: Mr. Harry Mills, Mr. Grady Thompson, Mr. James Oliphant, Mr. D. J. Abraham. SECOND ROW: Mr. Calvin Brown, Mr. J. C. Crosby, Mr. William Spivey, Chairman; Mr. Marvin Rorie, Mr. Edward High. NOT PICTURED: Mr. Robert Faulkner, Mr. Joe Howey, Mr. Charles Moore, Mr. John Moore, Mr. O. A. Williams, Mr. Julius Cox.

Board of Christian Education

Left to Right: FIRST ROW: Miss Mertye Rice, Miss Ann Bowers, Mrs. Ona Taylor, Mrs. Mildred Grier, Chairman; Mrs. Juanita White. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Shirley Crump, Mr. W. H. Green, Mrs. Mary Spivey, Mrs. Cecelia Wilson. THIRD ROW: Mrs. Helen Kibler, Mrs. Maria Wynn, Mrs. Willia Carson. NOT PICTURED: Mrs. Elizabeth Randolph, Miss Marion Jacobs, Mrs. Christine Bowser, Dr. Spender Durante, Mr. Rufus Pettus, Mrs. Bernice Rorie, Mr. Marshall Smith, Mr. Sandra Thompson.

Church Finance Committee

Left to Right: FIRST ROW: Mr. W. B. Taylor, Sr., Mr. J. H. Moore, Clerk; Mrs. M. P. Alridge, Chairman; Mr. J. K. Brown, Treasurer. SECOND ROW: Mr. R. Faulkner, Mr. O. Crump, Mr. P. Bowser. THIRD ROW: Mr. E. J. High, Mr. J. C. Crosby. NOT PICTURED: Mr. W. McMillan, Asst. Clerk.

Building Fund Committee

Left to Right: FIRST ROW: Mrs. Mary Spivey, Mrs. Mildred Grier, Mr. Grady Thompson, Mrs. Mildred P. Alridge, Chairman; Mrs. Irma Bland, Mr. Hampton Belton, Mr. Lloyd Mitchell, Mr. Harry Mills. SECOND ROW: Mr. Samuel Blake, Mr. Joe Howey, Mr. Otis Williams, Mrs. Geraldine Daniels, Mr. Ernest Simmons, Mr. Bennie Mahoney, Mr. James Oliphant. THIRD ROW: Mr. John Kibler, Mr. J. K. Brown, Mr. Elbert P. Phillips, Mrs. Willa M. Carson, Mr. Alonza Mackins. FOURTH ROW: Mrs. Maria Wynn, Miss Evelyn McCathorine, Mr. William Spivey, Mr. Cedric Jones, Mr. Joseph White, and Mr. Edward High. NOT PICTURED: Mr. Robert Woods, Mr. T. J. Anderson, Mr. Thomas Paschall, Sr., Mr. Gary Ballard, Treasurer; Mr. John Moore, Mr. D. J. Abraham, Mr. Monroe Laster, Attorney Calvin Brown, Mr. Julius H. Cox, Mr. Marvin Rorie, Mr. Raymond Rorie, Mrs. Ismea S. Howard, Financial Secretary; Mrs. Queen E. Byrd, Mrs. Rosa Ingram, Mr. William McMillan, Mr. Johnny Dwiggins, Mr. Kenneth Diamond, Sr., and Mr. J. L. Howard.

Family Life

Left to Right: FIRST ROW: Mrs. Ona Taylor, Mrs. Rosella McCullough, Mrs. Juanita White. SECOND ROW: Mr. Earl Maxwell, Mrs. Helen Kibler, Mrs. Bernice Rorie, Chairman; Mr. Charles Crump. NOT PICTURED: Mrs. Mildred Grier, Mrs. Rosalia Durante, Mrs. Cornelia Curry, Mrs. Myrtle Mackins, Mrs. Jessie Richmond.

Friendly Circle

Left to Right: FIRST ROW: Mrs. Isabella Green, Mrs. Sarah Diamond, Chairman; Mrs. Minnie Conner, Mr. Porter Conner. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Hattie Lowman, Mrs. Minnie Cochran, Mrs. Henrietta Coleman, Mrs. Mae Etta Vaughn, Mrs. Mary H. French.

Sunday School

Mr. Harry L. Mills, Superintendent; Mr. Robert Wood, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. John Kibler, Adult Department; Mrs. Sarah Ballard, Young People's Department; Mrs. Ona Taylor, Children's Department; Miss Beverly Steadman, Secretary; Miss Dorothy Brooks, Assistant Secretary.

Sunday School Class No. 4

Left to Right: FIRST ROW: Mrs. Mary Spivey, Mrs. Quessie Brown, Mrs. Willette Patterson, Mrs. Irma Bland, Teacher; Mrs. Catherine Wells, Mrs. Ella Collins, Mrs. Estelle Blake, Mrs. Survilla Simmons, Mrs. Minnie McKee. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Gladys Pharr, Mrs. Daisy Crosby. THIRD ROW: Mrs. Ceclia Wilson, Mrs. Ona Taylor, Mrs. Maria Wynn, Mrs. Estelle Morehead, Mrs. Gertrude McMillan, Mrs. Marie Cruse, Mrs. Estelle Sims, Mrs. Willia Carson. FOURTH ROW: Mrs. Juanita Butler, Mrs. Sylvester Hunter, Mrs. Nannie Byrd, Mrs. Beuna Crockett, Mrs. Ruby Mitchell, Mrs. Zora Smith, Mrs. Nancy Galloway. FIFTH ROW: Miss Evelyn McCathorine, Mrs. Tempie Davidson, Mrs. Blanche Mills, Mrs. Thelma O'Rear.

Willing Workers and Captola Wilson Bible Class

WILLING WORKERS
President: Mrs. Zora Smith
Secretary: Mrs. Irma Bland

CAPTOLA WILSON BIBLE CLASS
President: Mrs. Catherine Wells
Teacher: Miss Evelyn McCathorine

Left to Right: FIRST ROW: Mrs. Irma Bland, Mrs. Gladys Pharr, Mrs. Daisy Crosby, Mrs. Quessie Brown, Mrs. Catherine Wells, Miss Anita Thornton, Mrs. Estelle Blake. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Juanita Butler, Mrs. Marie Cruse, Mrs. Evelyn McCathorine, Miss Lillian McMillan, Mrs. Gertrude McMillan, Mrs. Buena Crockett, Mrs. Estelle Sims, Mrs. Survilla Simmons. THIRD ROW: Mrs. Goldwyn Harris, Mrs. Tempie Davidson, Mrs. Ruby Mitchell, Mrs. Blanche Mills, Mrs. Thelma O'Rear.

Combined Choirs

Miss Hortense Reid, Director--Mr. Jerod Green, Organist. Left to Right: FIRST ROW: Mrs. Sarah Diamond, Miss Anita Thorton, Mrs. Irma Bland, Miss Carolie Fite, Miss Altonelle McMillan, Mrs. Sirvilla Simmons, Mrs. Lena Grier. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Buena Crockett, Mrs. Geraldine Daniels, Mrs. Marie Cruse, Mrs. Blanche Mills, Miss Evelyn McCathorine, Mrs. Kathleen Crosby, Mrs. Eileen Tyson, Miss Anne Bowers, Mrs. Ida Mingo. THIRD ROW: Mr. Harry Mills, Mr. Edison French, Mr. Marvin Rorie, Mr. John Cruse, Jr., Mr. John Cruse, Sr., Mr. Rufus Cruse, Mr. Robert Woods, Mr. Charles Crump, Mr. Marshall Smith.

Young People's Choir

Dorothy Brooks, President, Queen E. Byrd, Director, Blanch Mills, Advisor, Anita Thorton, Organist. Left to Right: FIRST ROW: Blanche Mills, Fatema Mitchell, Beverly Steadman, Dorothy Brooks, Hattie Tyson, Mona Jones, Cheryl Grier, Wanda O'Rear, Carolyn Boderick, Anita Thorton, Sandra Thompson, SECOND ROW: Wayne O'Rear, Anthony Smith, Billy Boderick, Richard Latimer, Kenneth Bridges, Robert Tyson, Robert Boderick, Barry Thompson, Mark Steadman, James B. Humphrey, Alanzo Mackins, Wilbert Liston, Jr., Willie Mackins, Catherine Liston, Emma Brooks. SPONSORS: Mrs. Blanche Mills, Mrs. Loree Thompson, Mr. Jonathan Byrd, Miss Anita Thorton.

Children's Choir

Mr. S. C. Davis, Director, Mrs. O. Taylor, Adviser and Mrs. C. Jones, Adviser.

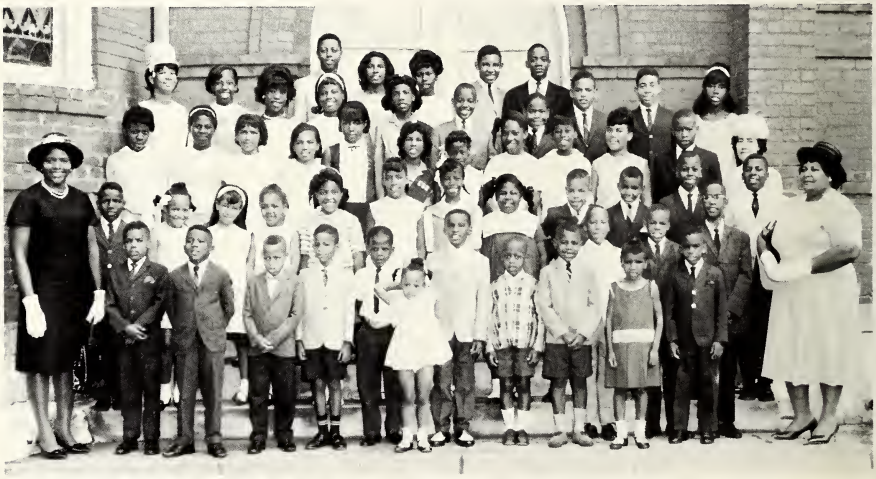
Church Orchestra

President, Furma Bridges; Vice President, Maxine Martin; Secretary, Mona Jones; Assistant Secretary, Joni Mills; Song Committee Members, Carol Jones and Jeffery McMillan; Director, Mrs. Ona P. Taylor; Assistant Director, Miss Altonelle McMillan; Organist, Mrs. Clara Jones.

Senior Missionary Circle

Mrs. Quessie Brown, President, Mrs. Willette Patterson, Secretary. SEATED: Left to Right: Mrs. Lula Young, Mrs. Pearlie Hailey, Mrs. Virginia Laster, Mrs. Sara Diamond, Mrs. Caroline Marshall. STANDING: Mrs. Earline Paschal, Mrs. Cecelia Wilson, Mrs. Minnie Connors and Mrs. Mary H. French.

Junior Missionary Department



ADULT WORKERS:
Mrs. Sarah Ballard, Supervisor; Mrs. Virginia Woods, Secretary; Miss Altonelle McMillian, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Ona Taylor, Treasurer.

Girl Scout Troop Number 205

Left to Right: FIRST ROW: Constance Brooks, Mary Alexander, Delisa Gaither, Lorita Alexander, Mary Stedman, Cathy Crosby, Beverly Irby, Lydia McCullough, Ina Jones, Carol Jones, Maxine Martin, and Janice Taylor. CIRCLE: Trina Brooks, Mrs. Oreatha Bridges, Leader; Carol Stedman, Mona Jones, Furma Bridges, Mrs. Helen Kibler and Mrs. Mildred Grier, Leaders. SECOND ROW: Mrs. R. Durante, Committee Chairman; Mrs. Shirley Crump, Leader; Tamara Roseboro, Aprella Bridges, Jeanette Byers, Joni Mills, Audrey Bridges, Wanda Doby, Jackie Grier, Robin Alexander, Candace Mills, Mrs. Almetta Alexander, Leader; Lela Watson.

Boy Scout Troop Number 62

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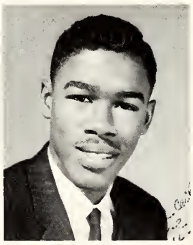

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